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1. SUMMARY: IN AUGUST 10 MEETING OF CCD WESTERN GROUP, REPS
DISCUSSED US-SOVIET TALKS ON RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS (RW) AND
SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR A TREATY ON NEW MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS
(MDW). END SUMMARY.

2. IN AUGUST 10 MEETING OF CCD WESTERN GROUP (CANADA, FRG,
ITALY, JAPAN, NETHERLANDS, UK, US), US REP (FISHER) STATED
THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO SUBSTANTIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN US-SOVIET
DISCUSSIONS ON RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS (RW) SINCE THE AUGUST 8
WESTERN GROUP MEETING. HE SAID THAT HE INTENDED TO QUERY THE
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SOVIETS ABOUT A WITHDRAWAL CLAUSE, A CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE,
AND COMPLAINT PROCEDURES. NETHERLANDS REP (VAN DER KLAUW)
STATED HIS SATISFACTION AT THE US INTENTION TO INQUIRE ABOUT
VERIFICATION AND A CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE, SINCE HIS AUTHOR-
ITIES IN THE HAGUE HAD INDICATED CONCERN THAT A POSSIBLE RW
AGREEMENT NOT CONSTITUTE AN UNFAVORABLE PRECEDENT FOR OTHER,
MORE IMPORTANT AGREEMENTS IN THE FUTURE.

3. JAPANESE REP (OGISO) REPORTED ON AN AUGUST 9 CONVERSATION HE HAD HAD WITH THE SOVIET REP (LIKHATCHEV). OGISO HAD ASKED WHETHER AS A PRACTICAL MATTER THE PROHIBITION INCORPORATED IN THE SOVIET DRAFT TREATY ON NEW MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS (MDW) WOULD APPLY ONLY TO WEAPONS LISTED IN THE ANNEX. LIKHATCHEV HAD REPLIED THAT THIS WOULD BE THE CASE, BUT THAT THE PROHIBITION WOULD ALSO OF COURSE EXTEND TO ANY SPECIFIC EXAMPLES ADDED TO THE ANNEX LATER.

4. WESTERN GROUP REPS DISCUSSED VARIOUS SHORTCOMINGS OF THE SOVIET MDW PROPOSAL, TOGETHER WITH TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO THE UK PROPOSAL TO SEEK AN MDW RESOLUTION AT THE UNGA.

5. NEXT WESTERN GROUP MEETING WAS SCHEDULED FOR 10:30 AM, MONDAY, AUGUST 15, IN ORDER TO PERMIT BRIEFING ON US-SOVIET RW TALKS, AS WELL AS BRIEFING ON US PLANS FOR FORTHCOMING ROUND OF US-SOVIET CONSULTATIONS ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW), AND DISCUSSION OF CCD INFORMALS TO BE HELD DURING WEEK OF AUGUST 15 ON COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING MPROGRAM AND PROCEDURES.VANDEN HEUVEL

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